

NUCLEAR CAMERA WITH
OPEN AND FLEXIBLE SOFTWARE ARCHITECTURE

This invention relates to nuclear (gamma) camera imaging systems and, in particular, to nuclear cameras with software architectures which are easy to understand and readily adapted to changing needs of clinicians.

Traditionally, medical image data obtained from medical imaging systems such as nuclear cameras, computed tomography scanners, magnetic resonance imaging systems and ultrasound has been defined by proprietary image data formats developed by the various system manufacturers. Such proprietary image formats mean that the images produced by the different systems must be viewed or displayed by proprietary viewing/display applications provided by each vendor. A user is effectively locked into using the particular manufacturer's proprietary formats.

Images produced by one imaging system cannot be readily viewed on another manufacturer's system. Realizing these limitations, the NEMA trade organization has organized and defined an image format which all manufacturers can use, known as the DICOM (Digital Imaging and COmmunication in Medicine) standard. The various manufacturers of medical imaging equipment can provide translators by which their proprietary formats can be converted into a common format in which users can exchange and view images on a variety of different display devices.

Data format standards such as DICOM have not fully solved the problems of incompatibility and ease of use, however. First of all, a user of a particular system must have access to conversion routines by which a manufacturer's proprietary image

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format can be translated into the standard format. Conversion routines are not always readily available or universally successful in their operation.

Secondly, the proprietary image data formats are

5 typically inflexible with respect to changes. Changes are often desirable to enable a clinician to satisfy new user requirements, or incorporate innovations into an application, use or operation of the medical imaging system, or to enable the use of

10 new software technologies that improve the performance of the medical imaging system. Thus, proprietary image formats have the effect of limiting innovation in imaging by clinicians and thwarting improvements to clinical productivity.

15 Furthermore, while image data standards such as DICOM enable users to exchange and use images from the medical imaging systems of different manufacturers, these standards are only effective when all manufacturers agree upon the standards and their requirements. The need for common agreement upon standards means that changes to standards cannot be made quickly and easily. Proposed changes need to be discussed, commented upon, and agreed to by the manufacturers before being implemented for the

20 benefit of end users. Accordingly it is desirable for a medical imaging system to have a software architecture which overcomes these obstacles and readily accommodates advances in efficiencies and techniques as they are developed by the medical

25 community.

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35 In accordance with the principles of the present invention a nuclear camera software architecture is described which addresses these deficiencies of proprietary and standard formats. The software architecture of a camera of the present invention

allows the operation and performance of the camera to be readily modified by users. Modified data can be easily exchanged because of the self-descriptive nature of the software language and the ability to 5 provide readily available format descriptions to all users. In a preferred embodiment the software architecture embraces an open format which is publicly available. In a constructed embodiment of the present invention the software architecture of 10 the nuclear camera uses eXtensible Markup Language (XML) which is an open format that enables changes to the data format to be made by users and other manufacturers alike. The inventive software architecture presents data that is self-describing in 15 that relationships between various pieces of data are captured in the format definition used to store and interpret the data. In a preferred embodiment, both image data and nuclear camera control information, in particular, study protocols, are defined in the open, extensible software architecture, enabling users to 20 exchange not only new image data formats but also new system control procedures.

In the drawings:

25 FIGURE 1 illustrates in block diagram form a gamma camera constructed in accordance with the principles of the present invention;

FIGURE 2 illustrates the detector of a gamma camera in block diagram form;

30 FIGURE 3 illustrates a gamma camera protocol setup screen for a gated SPECT study;

FIGURE 4 illustrates the flow of control and image data in a gamma camera constructed in accordance with the principles of the present invention;

35 FIGURE 5 illustrates the organization of patient

data in a constructed embodiment of the present invention; and

FIGURES 6-9 illustrate the directory structure of the software architecture of a preferred 5 embodiment of the present invention.

Referring first to FIGURE 1, a gamma camera constructed in accordance with the principles of the present invention is shown in block diagram form. A software architecture of the present invention may be 10 used with either a single detector gamma camera, or with a dual detector gamma camera such as those shown in U.S. Patents 5,760,402 (Hug. et al.) or 6,150,662 (Hug et al.). The dual detector cameras shown in 15 these patents are commercially available as the Forte™ and Skylight™ gamma cameras from ADAC Laboratories of Milpitas, California. These camera systems include one or more detectors 10, 12 which sense scintillation events and transfer event data over a high speed serial bus 24a, 24b from each detector to 20 an acquisition control server 14. The acquisition control server 14 bins the event data into images, which are then sent by way of a router 20 to a database host 28 connected to a department Ethernet 26. The database host 28 is the computer on which 25 the acquired images are normally saved. The database host is also the processing and viewing station where 3D reconstruction, re-slicing and presentation of the processed images to the user is performed. The router 20 serves to isolate internal camera data 30 traffic from more varied departmental data traffic. A user interface personal computer 16 is coupled to the acquisition portion of the gamma camera by the router 20 and an Ethernet network 22a, 22b, 22c. The p.c. 16 controls and monitors the image data 35 acquisition and may perform additional image

processing and display functions using an image display 18. P-scope and energy spectrum data may be displayed to the user on the display 18, enabling the user to position the patient properly in front of the camera, set energy windows correctly, and review acquired data, for instance.

A camera detector is shown in greater detail in FIGURE 2. As is well known in the art, a gamma camera detector is composed of a collimator 32, a scintillation crystal 34, and a lightguide 36. The photons produced by the crystal 34 and guided through the lightguide 36 are received by an array of photomultiplier tubes (PMTs) 38. A scintillation event is usually received over an area covering several PMTs, and the outputs of the tubes are sensed and used to locate the position on the detector at which the radiation event was received. The PMT output signals are amplified by pre-amplifiers 42 and digitally sampled by A/D converters 44. The samples from each PMT are accumulated for the duration of a scintillation event and, since multiple PMTs are involved in the detection of a single event, the accumulated outputs of multiple PMTs are accumulated to acquire the overall energy signal for a particular scintillation event. The detected energy data and location data from each scintillation event is modified by correction circuitry 46, which produces the detector outputs for energy (E) and event location (X, Y). The event data is then binned for image processing.

The p.c. 16 and user interface display 18 allow a user via keyboard and/or pointer control to select or create a predefined set of parameters (or protocols) for direction of a SPECT imaging session or other selected study by the gamma camera system.

FIGURE 3 illustrates a parameter interface screen and configurable parameters of a nuclear camera system for data acquisition that are selected and displayed on a screen by the user. FIGURE 3 illustrates some 5 of the parameters that are configurable by the user for a desired study. It is appreciated that once set, the configurable parameters can be saved and referenced in a computer file for subsequent recall. The stored parameters or protocol file can then be 10 recalled and utilized for another study, thus eliminating the need to again enter the parameters for similar or identical studies. The name of the parameter file shown in FIGURE 3 is "GATED SPECT" and is indicated at 300. It is appreciated that the 15 acquisition system, once instructed by the user, will relay the parameters set by the user to the camera in order to initialize and begin a particular study. The initiation is done by selection of processing command 357. A user interface of this type is thus 20 versatile while at the same time providing a high degree of automation of the execution of selected study protocols.

FIGURE 4 illustrates the flow of control and 25 image data in a gamma camera constructed in accordance with the principles of the present invention. Located on the acquisition control server hardware 14 are a control server 52 and a data server 54. These servers act to access and process data 30 stored on an xml data storage device 56. The data stored on the device 56 includes patient schedule data 56a, protocol data 56b, isotope data 56c, and collimator data 56d. This data is used to operate and control the gamma camera 82. In a preferred 35 embodiment this data is stored in xml format as explained more fully below. The control server uses

the data stored on the device 56 and executes programs 52a called "scripts," also stored on the xml data storage device 56, to control the operation of the gamma camera 82. The control and data servers 5 both operate under user control through a graphical user interface (GUI) client application 60 which runs on the user interface p.c. 16.

In operation the user defines a study (exam) by associating a protocol with a particular patient 10 through the GUI client 60. The protocol comes from the data server 54. The GUI client then sends the study to the control server 52. The protocol for the study has a script name attached to it, enabling the control server to identify the script to execute 15 within its interpreter. The script is executed to carry out the protocol, performing calculations as needed, and can obtain certain protocol parameters from the user such as number of azimuths, time per frame, and so forth. The script also prompts the user at various points during the study for further 20 input as needed, such as selection of a point of interest to be tracked by the detectors as they rotate about the patient.

In a constructed embodiment the scripts are 25 written in a scripting language called EASL. EASL was developed by the assignee company of the present invention using readily available tools for writing scripting language such as LEX and YACC. YACC is a UNIX-based tool which enables a programmer to compile 30 the grammatical terms used in EASL to interpret the scripts. The EASL program is an interpreter for the scripts, which in turn use the xml files, and is stored in the control server 52.

The event data produced by the camera detectors 35 Head1 and Head2 in this example is processed as

described above and transferred to a biner 70. The biner interacts with the control server 52 to format image data in an xml format. The formatted image data is then further processed, transferred or stored

5 as described more fully below.

FIGURE 5 illustrates one form of organization of an xml image file. The image file includes information about the image such as the identification 90 of the patient, the nature of the

10 nuclear study 92 which produced the image, the series 94 of the study, and the image information 96. In the illustration this information is all contained in an xml image file 100 referred to in this example as <ADACImage.xml>. The file includes the patient and

15 study information just described, and the image data shown as 102. The file may contain other pieces of information 112, 114 which relate to the image and may also relate to each other. The meanings of these pieces of information and their relationships are

20 captured in a definitional file called a Document Type Definition 110 (DTD) file. The image file 100 has a pointer to the DTD file 110 by which a processor or viewer can access the DTD file and interpret the information in the image file. The

25 pointer can be to another file or directory running on the gamma camera as described below. The pointer can also be the URL of a location where the DTD file can be found. For example, if the image is being viewed by a browser, the browser will consult the DTD

30 at the noted URL on-the-fly, and thus be able to interpret and understand the pieces 112, 114 of information which are stored in the image file 100.

An example of an <ADACImage.xml> file is shown in Appendix 1 below. It is seen that the second line

35 of the file contains the pointer to the DTD file

ADACImage.dtd which defines the relationships of the data elements in the xml image file. The initial portion of the file contains information of the type shown at 90-94, including the equipment and detector 5 used, the reconstruction processing used, patient information, isotope dose, and so forth. Toward the end of the file is a block of frame pixel information.

The initial portion of a DTD file which 10 interprets the <ADACImage.xml> file is shown in Appendix 2. This <ADACImage.dtd> file is pointed to in the second line of the <ADACImage.xml> file and provides instructions to a reader as to the interpretation of the <ADACImage.xml> file. This 15 particular DTD file begins with information as to the purpose, creation, and revision history of the DTD file. This is followed by a definition of the various elements of the image.xml file. The <ADACImage.xml> file is written in accordance with 20 the rules set forth in the <ADACImage.dtd> file.

The xml files are seen to be written in easily 25 understandable grammatical terms. With xml files a user is able to make changes to the xml file structure, adding user-desired information to the data already produced by the camera system. The user is able to make changes to algorithms executed by the scripts such as study protocols carried out by the gamma camera. The grammar-based nature of the xml files makes it easy to add newly defined xml files or 30 to change existing ones, for instance, to create custom study protocols. Image files can be modified by a hospital user, for instance to add the hospital's unique codes and information such as accession numbers to image data. The DTD file 35 referenced by an image would in that case define the

relation of the accession number to a particular image and patient. Since xml is an open format the ability to make these changes is available to all users. In most instances these changes are evident
5 in the xml files themselves due to the self-describing nature of the xml and DTD files, with the format defining how the different elements in the data relate to each other. The xml-formatted files can be viewed on a browser or on a text editor which
10 reveals the grammatical text of the files. The xml files can also be viewed with commercially available xml viewers such as xmlspy. The relationships of the elements of the file can be viewed in this way as the hierarchy of relationships is shown automatically by
15 the viewer. A particular application can thus make use of all of the relationships defined for the data.

A portion of another example of an xml file, <protocol.xml>, is shown in Appendix 3. The <protocol.xml> file has a script name attached to it to enable the gamma camera to carry out a study protocol called "MIBI." Within a protocol are various steps, each representing a different acquisition step, e.g., for a static image, a stress cardiac study, or a whole body study. In the
20 illustrated <protocol.xml> file the different characteristics of the study are called "TRAITS," which are interpreted and defined by the
25 "protocol.dtd" file referred to by the <protocol.xml> file. Typical TRAITS include such characteristics as the detector rotation, the time at each detector orientation, the frames acquired at each step, and the isotope dosage used. The defined TRAITS are then used in the steps of the protocol identified in the
30 file as <acquisitionstep>.

35 Appendix 4 illustrates an EASL script called

"tbbase.asl" for conducting a total body nuclear study. The illustrated script is written in the EASL scripting language referred to above. The script is seen to include comment lines which make the script 5 easily understandable to users. The script is also seen to control the prompts and messages displayed to the user on the GUI as the study proceeds. In a gamma camera of the present invention a script is loaded into the interpreter and is used to run the 10 protocols which control the operation of the camera.

Examples of the directory hierarchy of the files stored on the data storage device 56 are shown in FIGURES 6-9. In these examples the directory /export/home/atlas/ contains two types of data as 15 shown in FIGURE 6. Software shipped with the gamma camera by the manufacturer is stored in the etc/ directory. This includes configuration files, default protocols, default users, default isotopes, collimators, and so forth. This is primarily data 20 used by the control server 52, the data server 54, and the binner 70, and comprise a complete set of files necessary to operate the gamma camera. A data/ directory is also provided for storage of data 25 created by the user. This includes acquired image data, user defined protocols, schedules of patients, isotopes, energy window settings, and other files created or modified by the user.

FIGURE 7 shows further details of the 30 manufacturer-supplied directory etc/. The collimators.xml file contains a list of all collimators supported by the camera. Isotopes.xml and energywindowsets.xml contain lists of isotopes and their physical properties and default energy window settings. Protocols.xml contains a list of 35 standard study protocols. Systems.xml contains a

list of systems used by the camera, and whether they are clients or servers. Users.xml contains a list of default users for the camera.

The directory data/ for user-created data is shown in FIGURE 8. This directory has files corresponding to those of the etc/ directory, but in this case the files are those which have been created by or modified by a user. For instance, a user may take a manufacturer-supplied protocol and modify it for a particular study which the user desires to perform. The modified protocol is stored as a protocols.xml file in the data/ directory and can be called up and executed by the user each time the user wants to conduct that study. The user-created data takes precedence over the manufacturer-supplied data. Any time a client asks for data from the data server 54, the server will first access the data/ directory to see if a user-created file satisfies the request. Only if no user-created file is found will the server look for a file in the etc/ directory.

Both directories are seen to store DTD files corresponding to the xml files, which are used to interpret the definitions in the corresponding xml files. The patient.dtd file, for instance, defines how the patient visit and study information is written out, that is, the format and relationship between the various pieces of information contained in the patients.xml file. Similarly, protocol.dtd defines how the protocol information is written out and interpreted. A DTD file is used to view an xml file when using an xml viewer such as xmlspy, or alternatively a text editor can be used to view the xml file in the form shown in the appendices.

FIGURE 9 illustrates the production and storage of an image.xml file by the camera. The binner 70

writes out the results of a particular study in xml format when acquisition is completed for a given acquisition step of a protocol. The image.xml file is written by the binner in accordance with the rules
5 in the ADACImage.dtd file. This example shows an image file 015N0000.xml which has been stored under a particular patient's name, <patient_name>/, under the data/Patients/ directory. Image.xml files are translated with the help of an "xml2peg" translator
10 program into an image format 015N0000.img and stored under an x2pout/ directory. This directory is accessed by the database host 28 in response to an external user request for the patient's images. When
15 a particular image has been exported to the database host, the image is then stored under the SentToDatabase/ directory and a confirmation of the export is sent as a status update to the data server 54. Thus, images are available in both an xml format and in an image format which is most efficient for
20 storage, transport or display by the database host.

Appendix 1 - <ADACImage.xml>

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5      toP3Xm6hn8L+aeyfn9P756228KkFijx6SzbtGVad4HmZwZuz011/8coS5XC
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TkSuQmCC</Frame>
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imageViewID="View04.Det2" timePerFrame="30000"
countsPerFrame="0" detectorNumber="2" maxPixelOfFrame="0"
minPixelOfFrame="0">
10    iVBORw0KGgoAAAANSUhEUgAAAQAAAEEAAAAAPiSv5AAAAlU1EQVR4n03
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AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAgKoBAR4AAZF/oKMAAAAASUVORK5CYII=</Frame>
    </ImagePixelModule>
    </ImageIE>
  </NMImageIOD>
</ADACImage>
```

Appendix 2 - <ADACImage.dtd>

```
<!--
5   file : ADACImage.dtd
   purpose: This is the DTD used to generate the XML image from the Binner
   created: 26-Oct-00
   property of: ADAC Laboratories

10  revision history:
    26-Oct-00 CM    initial version
    21-Nov-00 CM
      i) Changed MultiframeModule to MultiFrameModule
      ii) The pixelData is moved in to the Element.
      iii) The order of the elements are changed so that
           all the encoded data will appear at the very end
           of the XML image
15  04-Jan-01 CM
      i) Removed the Variable Frame Element
      ii) Added the gateNumber in Frame Element
      iii) Added the detectorNumber in Frame Element
20  25-Jan-01 CM
      i) Changes which will make the DTD less restrictive to
           generate XML ouput and validation are made. These
           include changing mandatory Elements to optional etc.
      ii) ID's were replaced by CDATA
           Added the Element ADACCorrectionsIE and related elements
25  15-Feb-01 CM
           Added the Element NameAndValue to hold data from control server
           Following the fixes in the xmliolib the ADACCorrectionsIE and
           other elements were changed as optional from required.
           Added imageOrientation,patientRoll and adacPatientPosition
-->
30  <!ELEMENT ADACImage (ADACPrivateIOD, NMImageIOD)>
<!ELEMENT ADACPrivateIOD (ADACAcquisitionIE, ADACEquipmentIE,
ADACReconstructionAndProcessingIE, ADACMiscIE, ADACCorrectionsIE)>
<!ELEMENT NMImageIOD (PatientIE, StudyIE, SeriesIE, FrameOfReferenceIE?, EquipmentIE,
GeneralIE?, ImageIE)>
35  <!ELEMENT ADACAcquisitionIE (StaticAcquisitionModule?, DynamicAcquisitionModule?,
GatedAcquisitionModule?, MCDAcquisitionModule?, TotalBodyAcquisitionModule?,
VANTAGEAcquisitionModule?)>
<!ATTLIST ADACAcquisitionIE
isotopeImagingMode CDATA #IMPLIED
uniformityCorrection CDATA #IMPLIED
totalAcquisitionTime CDATA #IMPLIED
objectDataType CDATA #IMPLIED
uniquePatientKey CDATA #IMPLIED
uniqueObjectKey CDATA #IMPLIED
corCorrectionFlag CDATA #IMPLIED
numberOfXYSets CDATA #IMPLIED
scaleFactorOfSets CDATA #IMPLIED
>
40  <!ELEMENT ADACEquipmentIE (ADACDetectorModule)>
<!ATTLIST ADACEquipmentIE
clientName CDATA #IMPLIED
>
45  <!ELEMENT ADACReconstructionAndProcessingIE (FilterModule, ROIModule, ReorientationModule,
ColorModule)>
<!ATTLIST ADACReconstructionAndProcessingIE
associatedParentFile CDATA #IMPLIED
associatedHistogramCurveFile CDATA #IMPLIED
associatedNormalCurveFile CDATA #IMPLIED
associatedPathAndFileName CDATA #IMPLIED
reconstructionType CDATA #IMPLIED
limitedReconstructionStartSlice CDATA #IMPLIED
50
55
60
```

manipulatedImage CDATA #IMPLIED
curveOrROISetName CDATA #IMPLIED
specificCurveName CDATA #IMPLIED
5 xDimensionOfAssociatedImage CDATA #IMPLIED
yDimensionOfAssociatedImage CDATA #IMPLIED
approximateEjectionFraction CDATA #IMPLIED
imageViewID CDATA #REQUIRED
>
10 <!ELEMENT ADACMiscIE (NameAndValue*)>
<!ATTLIST ADACMiscIE
sizeOfSubHeaders CDATA #IMPLIED
dirEntries CDATA #IMPLIED
minTimeValue CDATA #IMPLIED
maxTimeValue CDATA #IMPLIED
15 rateDifference CDATA #IMPLIED
dataStructureArray CDATA #IMPLIED
vfrStructure CDATA #IMPLIED
horizontalFOVOffsetInMM CDATA #IMPLIED
verticalFOVOffsetInMM CDATA #IMPLIED
20 unUsed1 CDATA #IMPLIED
unUsed2 CDATA #IMPLIED
unUsed3 CDATA #IMPLIED
unUsed4 CDATA #IMPLIED
binningAlgoVersion CDATA #IMPLIED
25 programSpecifiResult CDATA #IMPLIED
imageOrientation CDATA #IMPLIED
patientRoll CDATA #IMPLIED
adacPatientPosition CDATA #IMPLIED
>
30 <!ELEMENT ADACCORRECTIONSIE (CORCorrectionModule, ImageOffsetCorrectionModule)>
<!ELEMENT PatientIE (PatientModule)>
<!ELEMENT StudyIE (GeneralStudyModule, PatientStudyModule?)>
<!ELEMENT SeriesIE (GeneralSeriesModule, NMPPETPatientOrientationModule?)>
35 <!ELEMENT FrameOfReferenceIE (FrameOfReferenceModule)>
<!ELEMENT EquipmentIE (GeneralEquipmentModule)>
<!ELEMENT GeneralIE (VOI_LUTModule?, SOPCommonModule?)>
<!ELEMENT ImageIE (GeneralImageModule, NMImagePixelModule, MultiFrameModule,
NMMultiFrameModule, NMImageModule, NMIsotopeModule, NMDetectorModule,
40 NMTomographyModule?, NMMultiGatedAcquisitionModule?, NMPhaseModule?,
NMReconstructionModule?, OverlayPlaneModule?, MultiframeOverlayModule?, CurveModule?,
ImagePixelModule)>
<!ELEMENT PatientModule (ReferencedPatientSequence?, OtherPatientID*, OtherPatientName*)>
<!ATTLIST PatientModule
patientsName CDATA #REQUIRED
45 patientsID CDATA #REQUIRED
patientsBirthDate CDATA #REQUIRED
patientsSex (M | F | O) #REQUIRED
patientsBirthTime CDATA #IMPLIED
ethnicGroup CDATA #IMPLIED
50 patientComments CDATA #IMPLIED
>
<!ELEMENT GeneralStudyModule (PhysicianOfRecord*, NameOfPhysicianReadingStudy*,
ReferencedStudySequence*, ProcedureCodeSequence+)>
55 <!ATTLIST GeneralStudyModule
studyInstanceID CDATA #REQUIRED
studyDate CDATA #REQUIRED
studyTime CDATA #REQUIRED
referringPhysiciansName CDATA #REQUIRED
60 studyID CDATA #REQUIRED
accessionNumber CDATA #REQUIRED
studyDescription CDATA #IMPLIED
>

```
<!ELEMENT PatientStudyModule EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST PatientStudyModule
  admittingDiagnosesDescription CDATA #IMPLIED
  5    patientsAge CDATA #IMPLIED
  patientsSize CDATA #IMPLIED
  patientsWeight CDATA #IMPLIED
  occupation CDATA #IMPLIED
  additionalPatientsHistory CDATA #IMPLIED
>
10  <!ELEMENT GeneralSeriesModule (ReferencedStudyComponentSequence?,
  RequestAttributeSequence*, PerformedActionItemSequence*)>
<!ATTLIST GeneralSeriesModule
  modality (CR | MR | US | BI | DD | ES | MA | PT | ST | XA | RTIMAGE | RTSTRUCT | RTRECORD |
  15  DX | IO | GM | XC | CT | NM | OT | CD | DG | LS | MS | RG | TG | RF | RTDOSE | RTPLAN | HC | MG |
  PX | SM) #REQUIRED
  seriesInstanceUID CDATA #REQUIRED
  seriesNumber CDATA #REQUIRED
  laterality (R | L) #IMPLIED
  20  seriesDate CDATA #IMPLIED
  seriesTime CDATA #IMPLIED
  performingPhysiciansName CDATA #IMPLIED
  protocolName CDATA #IMPLIED
  seriesDescription CDATA #IMPLIED
  operatorsName CDATA #IMPLIED
  25  bodyPartExamined (SKULL | CSPINE | TSPINE | LSPINE | SSPINE | COCCYX | CHEST | CLAVICLE
  | BREAST | ABDOMEN | PELVIS | HIP | SHOULDER | ELBOW | KNEE | ANKLE | HAND | FOOT |
  EXTREMITY | HEAD | HEART | NECK | LEG | ARM | JAW) #IMPLIED
  patientPosition (HFP | HFDR | FFDR | FFP | HFS | HFDL | FFDL | FFS | OTHER) #IMPLIED
  30  smallestPixelValueInSeries CDATA #IMPLIED
  largestPixelValueInSeries CDATA #IMPLIED
  performedProcedureStepID CDATA #IMPLIED
  performedProcedureStepStartDate CDATA #IMPLIED
  performedProcedureStepStartTime CDATA #IMPLIED
  performedProcedureStepDescription CDATA #IMPLIED
  35  >
```

Appendix 3 - <protocol.xml>

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE protocols SYSTEM "protocol.dtd">
<protocols>
  <!-- protocol record # 0 -->
  <protocol>
    <protoinfo>
      <protoname type="TRAIT_PROT_NAME">MIBI MIBI</protoname>
      <tval type="TRAIT_PROT_ANATOMICAL">Cardiac</tval>
    </protoinfo>
    <protosteps>
      <protostep>
        <acquisitionstep>
          <acqstepinfo>
            <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_SCRIPT_NAME">ect</tval>
          </acqstepinfo>
          <acqstepaction>
            <concurrent>
              <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_NAME">Rest MIBI</tval>
              <tval
type="TRAIT_ACQR_APPDATA_CLASSNAME">data.SPECTAcqStep</tval>
              <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_X_DIMENSION">64</tval>
              <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_Y_DIMENSION">64</tval>
              <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_ROTATION_CLOCKWISE">true</tval>
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              <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_RELATIVE_ANGLE">90</tval>
              <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_DEPTH">16</tval>
              <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_MAX_PIXEL">65535</tval>
              <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_ZOOM">1</tval>
              <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_DETECTORS">12</tval>
              <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_FLOOD_TABLE">INTR.FCR</tval>
              <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_MILLISECONDS">10000</tval>
              <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_KCOUNTS">0</tval>
              <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_IS_GATED">false</tval>
              <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_STOP_ON_SATURATE">false</tval>
              <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_IS_COINCIDENT">false</tval>
              <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_FRAMES_PER_AZIMUTH">1</tval>
              <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_NUM_AZIMUTHS">32</tval>
              <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_COMBINE_HEADS">true</tval>
              <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_IS_ECT_CONTINUOUS">false</tval>
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              <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_IS_ECT_NONCIRCULAR">true</tval>
            </concurrent>
          </acqstepaction>
        </acquisitionstep>
      </protostep>
    <protostep>
      <acquisitionstep>
        <acqstepinfo>
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        </acqstepinfo>
        <acqstepaction>
          <concurrent>
            <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_NAME">Stress MIBI</tval>
            <tval
type="TRAIT_ACQR_APPDATA_CLASSNAME">data.SPECTAcqStep</tval>
            <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_X_DIMENSION">64</tval>
            <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_Y_DIMENSION">64</tval>
            <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_ROTATION_CLOCKWISE">true</tval>
```

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5           <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_TOTAL_ROTATION">180</tval>
           <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_START_ANGLE">0</tval>
           <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_RELATIVE_ANGLE">90</tval>
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           <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_MAX_PIXEL">65535</tval>
           <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_ZOOM">1</tval>
           <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_DETECTORS">12</tval>
           <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_FLOOD_TABLE">INTR.FCR</tval>
           <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_MILLISECONDS">10000</tval>
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           <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_STOP_ON_SATURATE">false</tval>
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           <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_NUM_AZIMUTHS">32</tval>
           <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_COMBINE_HEADS">true</tval>
           <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_IS_ECT_CONTINUOUS">false</tval>
           <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_DOSAGE_ADMIN_TIME">00:00:00</tval>
           <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_IS_ECT_NONCIRCULAR">true</tval>
20          </concurrent>
           </acqstepaction>
           </acquisitionstep>
           </protostep>
           </protosteps>
25          </protocol>
           <!-- protocol record # 1 -->
           <protocol>
             <protoinfo>
               <protoname type="TRAIT_PROT_NAME">Dual Isotope</protoname>
               <tval type="TRAIT_PROT_ANATOMICAL">Cardiac</tval>
             </protoinfo>
             <protosteps>
               <protostep>
                 <acquisitionstep>
                   <acqstepinfo>
                     <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_SCRIPT_NAME">ect</tval>
                   </acqstepinfo>
                   <acqstepaction>
                     <concurrent>
                       <tval type="TRAIT_ACQR_NAME">ect</tval>
                     <tval>
30
35
40
```

Appendix 4 - tbbbase.asl

```

# file: tbase.asl
# purpose: PreProgram Script for 'basic' TotalBody(tb) study.
#
# created: 3-Jan-01
# property of ADAC Laboratories
#
# revision history:
#      3-Jan-00      DC      initial version
#
# script dependencies:
#      - Exchanger is parked (check ColPark)
#      - User Override is Off
#      - Rings are locked at 180.
#
# target values (Input):
#      none
#
# return values (Output):
#      false - Script failed to complete
#      true - Script completed
#
# $Header: /usr/adac/Repository/camera/camera/control/etc/easl.scripts/tbase.asl,v 1.18
2001/05/08 05:58:15 sheavner Exp $
#
script "tbase"

# Debug message - let me know the script has started ok
choiceNum = message( "DEBUG MESSAGE -- Starting tbase.asl - Gantry will move
30 to scan setup position when you click ok")
                           choices "DEBUG OK!";

# Discuss study with tech, subtract off one FOV
if ( TRAIT_ACQR_SCAN_LENGTH > 0 ) {
    TRAIT_ACQR_SCAN_LENGTH = TRAIT_ACQR_SCAN_LENGTH -
40 TRAIT_ACQR_FOV_SIZE_Y;
} else {
    TRAIT_ACQR_SCAN_LENGTH = TRAIT_ACQR_SCAN_LENGTH +
    TRAIT_ACQR_FOV_SIZE_Y;
}

45 TABLE_EXTEND_POSITION_VELOCITY = 40.0;

#
# Set the starting and ending(target) position of the longitudinal
# motion and calculate the scan length, in microns for the binner.
#
50
    _startTablePos = TRAIT_ACQR_TRANSLATE_POS;
    _endTablePos = TRAIT_ACQR_TRANSLATE_POS +
    TRAIT_ACQR_SCAN_LENGTH;

55
    _tb_lower_limit = GantryTB lower limit;

```

```
    _tb_upper_limit = GantryTB upper limit;
    if( (_startTablePos > _tb_upper_limit) or (_startTablePos < _tb_lower_limit) ) {
        choiceNum = message("EASL_STUDY_TB_START_POS",
5          _tb_lower_limit/10, _tb_upper_limit/10, (_tb_upper_limit-
          _tb_lower_limit+TRAIT_ACQR_FOV_SIZE_Y)/10 ) choices "EASL_CONTINUE";
        return;
    }
    if( (_endTablePos > _tb_upper_limit) or (_endTablePos < _tb_lower_limit) ) {
10      if(TRAIT_ACQR_SCAN_LENGTH > 0) {
          _allowable_length = _tb_upper_limit-
          _startTablePos+TRAIT_ACQR_FOV_SIZE_Y;
      } else {
          _allowable_length = _tb_lower_limit-
15      _startTablePos+TRAIT_ACQR_FOV_SIZE_Y;
      }
      choiceNum = message("EASL_STUDY_TB_END_POS",
      _tb_lower_limit/10, _tb_upper_limit/10, _allowable_length/10, _startTablePos/10 ) choices
      "EASL_CONTINUE";
      return;
20    }

    #
    # Negative scan length implies that we are scanning from foot to head
    #
25    show status "******(script)      Starting position is " + _startTablePos + "
mm";
    show status "******(script)      Ending(target) position is " +
    _endTablePos + " mm";
    show status "******(script)      The required scan length is " +
30    TRAIT_ACQR_SCAN_LENGTH + " mm";

    # Leftover -- remove when can verify it's ok
    StudyVGAngle = 180; start StudyVGAngle;
35    # calculate the longitudinal velocity
    # ( negative indicates that we are moving from foot to head,
    #      the start position is greater than the stop position )

40    # _scanSpeed is mm per second
    _scanSpeed = TRAIT_ACQR_TBODY_SPEED;

    # test the speed for a valid range

45    show status "******(script)      Scan Speed is " + _scanSpeed + "
mm/sec";
    #
    # -----
50    show status "%%%%%%%%%%%%%%(script)      Running TB setup script
%%%%%%%%%%%%%";
    _finishedSetup = false;
    while (_finishedSetup = false)
    {
55      StudyTBSetup = _startTablePos;
      run StudyTBSetup;
```

```
if (StudyTBSetup != true)
{
    if (StudyTBSetup < 0)
        return;
    choicenum = message("EASL_STUDY_SETUP_FAILED") choices
    "EASL_RETRY", "EASL_CANCEL";
    if (choicenum = 2)
        return;
}
else
{
    _finishedSetup = true;
}

#
#
20      # Start binner and wait for the start button
show status "%%%%%%%%%%%%%(script)      WAITING FOR START
%%%%%%%%%%%%%";

25      choiceNum = message( "DEBUG MESSAGE -- Gantry is in position, Click start to
begin study (after clicking ok)" )
        choices "OK";
        # status message( "Press the START button to begin");

30      enable imaging;
        wait until user requests imaging start;

        show status "%%%%%%%%%%%%%(script)      User has pressed START
%%%%%%%%%%%%%";

35      #
#
#
# For Total Body acquisitions there are 3 stages
#
40      # 1. The mask is opened one row at a time and when fully open the binning halts
waiting for the table to start moving
        # 2. The table moves the required distance at the required speed with the mask fully
open and binning in progress
        # 3. The table stops moving and the mask automatically starts to close.
#
#
# Setup the target position for the acquisition and the speed for the table motion during
the acquisition
#
50      StudyTB = _endTablePos;
        StudyTB velocity = _scanSpeed;

55      # Start StudyMonitor to watch for gantry exceptions, start after setup.ppm completes
        start StudyMonitor;
```

```
#  
# send the start imaging tag into the data stream and so to the  
# biner to start the imaging  
#  
5 start imaging;  
  
show status "%%%%%%%%%%%%%(script) Imaging has started, waiting for  
the mask to be fully open %%%%%%%%%%;"  
  
10  
from # Wait for the mask to be fully open. This is indicated by the biner state changing  
# Inprogress to ReadyToMove  
  
15  
#  
# check that the imaging did start  
#  
#_loop = 90;  
while (imaging is not underway)  
{  
    if ( _loop < 0 )  
    {  
        show status "%%%%%%%%%%%%%(script) Imaging did not start  
after 90 seconds";  
25  
        choiceNum = message( "DEBUG MESSAGE -- Imaging did not  
start after 90 seconds." )  
        choices "Abort";  
        stop StudyMonitor;  
        current setting = false;  
        return;  
    }  
    _loop = _loop - 1;  
    pause 1.0;  
}  
  
35  
show status "%%%%%%%%%%%%%(script) Imaging has started, waiting for  
the mask to be fully open %%%%%%%%%%;"  
  
40  
# Wait for the mask to be fully open. This is indicated by the biner  
# state changing from Inprogress to ReadyToMove  
  
45  
_quiet = 0;  
while (imaging is not ready for motion)  
{  
    if ( StudyMonitor is not working)  
    {  
        show status "%%%%%%%%%%%%%(script) Study Monitor  
is not working - waiting for mask to open %%%%%%%%%%;"  
        stop imaging;  
        stop StudyMonitor;  
        return;  
    }  
  
55  
    if ( imaging is complete )  
    {
```

```
show status "%%%%%%%%%%%%%(script)      IMAGING IS
COMPLETE - STOPPING 1%%%%%%%%%%%%%;";
stop StudyMonitor;
return;
5      }

quiet = _quiet + 1;
if (_quiet > 50)
{
10      show status "%%%%%%%%%%%%%(script)      Still waiting
for mask to be fully open %%%%%%%%%%%%%%;";
    _quiet = 0;
}
15      pause 0.2;
}

show status " %%%%%%%%%%%%%%(script)      Total body mask is fully open,
requesting the start of table motion %%%%%%%%%%%%%%;";
20      start StudyTB;

_quiet = 0;
while (imaging is not complete)
{
25      if ( StudyMonitor is not working)
{
            show status "%%%%%%%%%%%%%(script)      Study Monitor
is not working - moving gantry %%%%%%%%%%%%%%;";
            stop imaging;
            stop StudyMonitor;
            return;
}
30      }

35      if ( StudyTB is working )
{
            if ( _quiet > 50 )
{
                show status " %%%%%%%%%%%%%%(script)
40      Moving gantry, scanning in progress %%%%%%%%%%%%%%;";
                _quiet = 0;
}
}
45      else
{
            if ( _quiet > 50 )
{
                show status " %%%%%%%%%%%%%%(script)
50      Gantry not moving, final curtaining in progress %%%%%%%%%%%%%%;";
                _quiet = 0;
}
}
if ( StudyTB != 1 )
{
            show warning "Study aborted by user while table was
55      moving";
            stop StudyMonitor;
}
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        return;
    }
}
5      _quiet = _quiet + 1;
      pause 0.2;
}

10     if ( StudyTB is working )
{
    # Something is wrong, table should have stopped.
    show status "%%%%%%%%%%%%%(script)          Why didn't the table
stop!  Error!!! %%%%%%%%%%%%%%;"
    choicenum = message( "Longitudinal motion should have stopped, Study
15     Aborted.") choices "OK ";
    stop StudyTB;
    stop StudyMonitor;
    return;
}

20     if ( StudyTB != 1 )
{
    show warning "Study aborted by user while table was moving";
    stop StudyMonitor;
    return;
25     }

30     stop StudyMonitor;
        current setting = true;
        show status "%%%%%%%%%%%%%(script)          Imaging completed -- Script
tbase.asl done";
        return;

35     #      End of the the script
```